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No Relief In Sight

Mississippi Still Rising --- Vast Areas are Flooded and Floating Bodies Found by Rescuers.

VERITABLE SEA EXISTS

Assistance Cannot be Rendered to People in Distress---Loss of Life Heavy.

Memphis, Tenn., March 17.—The flood situation in the portion of the Mississippi valley contingent to Memphis is extremely critical tonight, and reports of losses are at hand. It was thought at first that the break in the levee last night at Holly Bush, near Triana Landing, would help matters by relieving the pressure of water and causing a fall at this point, but instead this break has complicated conditions by flooding a vast area in Arkansas across the Mississippi from Memphis, and tonight a veritable sea exists in St. Francis and the Mississippi river basins, extending from one basin to another, a distance of many miles from the territory.

A call for help has gone up from persons who have been surrounded in their homes and on the high parts of the country, but thus far it has been an impossibility to send assistance. A few floating bodies have been found at various points by rescuing boats.

The town of Marion is totally flooded, and it is estimated that several hundred persons are surrounded by water in the flooded Arkansas territory and that the number of lives lost is heavy. There seems to be every indication that all predictions of the stage at this point will be surpassed, as the river is rising steadily tonight.

In Memphis the situation is growing worse each hour, and water is spreading to sections other than those which were flooded yesterday. The water pumping plant is endangered and a few inches more rise in the river must cause it to suspend.

NEW ORLEANS NOT IN DANGER

Sanders Says the City Is Ample Protected From Flood.

New Orleans, March 17.—M. J. Sanders, president of the Progressive union, sends the following statement to the Associated Press:

"As president of the New Orleans Progressive union, I desire to contradict absolutely and unequivocally the sensational stories which at present are being circulated by some correspondents of newspapers in other parts of the United States in reference particularly to the high water situation in the Mississippi river and its possible effect on the city of New Orleans. As a matter of fact, there is not and has not been, for a great many years past, the slightest risk of any damage to the city of New Orleans proper from a high river. All along the commercial front of the city the streets and property behind it has been graded up to the level designated by the engineers as the extreme grade, making a solid embankment of earth. In many cases for several hundred feet back from the bank of the river. The city in addition is surrounded by high levees, so that should there be any break in the levee in the country above the city or below, not one drop of water can possibly penetrate into the city.

"The very utmost that could happen by a still further considerable rise in the stage of the river would be the possible overflow of some small portion of water which would merely run down the gutters of the street and to the drainage canals, benefitting rather than otherwise. In no sense is there any anxiety regarding their personal safety or the safety of their property on the part of the citizens of New Orleans, who are perfectly well aware that there is no danger of harm to the commercial interests of the city from the alarmists reports which are being circulated and which in many cases, are absolutely exaggerated as to be bare to the ears of marks of gross negligence."

The Pacific Coast Road

Will Jim Hill Build a Line Paralleling the Shasta Route and the Coast?

San Francisco, March 17.—The report that President J. J. Hill of the Northern Securities company has his agents at work in California with a view to securing a right of way for the Great Northern railway from Portland to San Francisco, says the Call, is finding considerable confirmation. W. W. Remington of New York, is said to have surveying parties in the field for a road to run north and south from Santa Rosa and eventually to be connected with other parts of the projected line. The southern terminus of this road is to be somewhere on San Francisco bay, possibly on Belvidere Island near Tiburon. J. M. Beck, who is alleged to represent Mr. Remington, says that the Santa Rosa road is to be an electric line and may be extended to Humboldt bay at Eureka. He will not admit that Mr. Remington's plans have any connection with those of J. J. Hill or any other railroad.

Situation in China

Boxers After Foreigners and the Ruling Dynasty.

San Francisco, March 17.—W. B. Bentley, a missionary, who has been in Shanghai for a number of years, has just arrived here. Speaking of the situation in China, he said:

"The latest atrocity committed by the boxers was the murder of three missionaries in the province of Chih. All the missionaries are flocking into the cities, as the country is no longer safe for foreigners. The boxer movement in China has two distinct phases. In southern China the movement is against the dynasty, while in the north the cry is 'down with the foreigners.' The entire movement is not actuated by the boxers, but by a class known as the reform party. The Cantonese in southern China have always been hostile to the present dynasty. This is because the Cantonese go abroad and imbibe foreign ideas. Their movement is anti-dynastic.

"In the northern province there is an anti-foreign feeling, mingled with the hatred of the dynasty. Throughout China there is a lack of co-operation among the reformers, and probably for some time to come the outbreaks will be of small proportions."

RED DESERT INUNDATED

Rock Springs, Wyo., March 17.—The Red desert is inundated for miles and the Salt Wells drilling station is completely under water. Large quantities of supplies belonging to the Belge-American Drilling company have been ruined or swept away. The water has backed up against the Union Pacific embankment to a depth of 20 feet in places. The embankment has not yet been cut, but there is danger that this will occur, and track walkers are kept constantly on the move over the threatened section.

SHAMROCK LAUNCHED

Glasgow, March 17.—The Shamrock III was launched at 1:15 today. Large crowds gathered at Denny's yards at Dumbarton, in spite of the drenching rain, which, however, ceased before the arrival of the first visitors' train.

At 1:15 p. m. Lady Shaftsbury broke the bottle saying: "I christen you Shamrock III. May God bless you and may you bring back the cup."

CALLED ON AMBASSADORS

Minister Bowen Wants to Know Why Allies Have Taken No Action.

TELLS THEM TO TAKE TUMBLE

Had Submitted Draft Naming Conditions Which Seem to Have Been Ignored.

Washington, March 17.—Minister Bowen, accompanied by Senor Augusto Pardo, the Venezuelan charge d'affaires, called at the Italian, British and German embassies to inquire regarding the negotiations of The Hague protocol. Several weeks ago Mr. Bowen drew a rough draft of this convention providing for the reference of the preferential question to The Hague and stipulating that the czar of Russia select the members of the court. Copies of this protocol, which first was approved by the state department, were left with the Italian and British ambassadors and the German minister, and by them mailed to their respective foreign offices. Since then Mr. Bowen has received no reply from the allied powers.

Herbert Deering, first secretary of the British embassy, who during the absence of the ambassador in New York is in charge, informed Mr. Bowen that the British answer had been sent from London by special baggage, and will arrive here next Thursday. It is believed that the main features of the agreement, as drawn by Mr. Bowen, have been approved.

Baron Sternberg, the German minister, informed Mr. Bowen that he had received no instructions from his government respecting the protocol. This statement caused Mr. Bowen to refer to rumors that the delay in the allies' answer was due to a desire to avoid a reference to The Hague by proposing a compromise to President Castro. The German minister replied that he had no intimation of such an intention. Mr. Bowen informed the German minister that he had cabled President Castro against accepting any compromise that would keep the matter from The Hague, and that he is preparing to reinforce the cablegram by sending Senor Pardo to Caracas if necessary to block a compromise proposition.

The Italian ambassador said he knew nothing of Italy's intention, except that she would follow Great Britain's lead. Later it was learned that the three powers had corresponded as to the course they should adopt jointly with reference to Mr. Bowen's protocol.

Venezuela Pays Up.

Caracas, March 17.—The Venezuelan government today paid the German minister the first installment amounting to about \$70,000 of the \$340,000 pledged to Germany in satisfaction of that country's claims of honor.

Tuberculosis in Children

Much to Be Learned by Parents—Disease Is Not Inherited.

New York, March 17.—In the course of a talk on "Tuberculosis in Children," given under the auspices of the committee on the prevention of tuberculosis of the charity organization society, Dr. Abraham Jacobi explained how mothers ought to prevent tubercular disease in their babies and warned the school teachers about many things he said they should know.

"Tuberculosis," he said, "kills more people, old and young, than diphtheria, croup, whooping cough, scarlet fever and typhoid fever all combined."

In the young, he explained, the malady could be found in a multitude of forms, and a tubercular origin was to be discovered in bone deformities, troubles of the peritoneum and fatal attacks in the lymphatic surfaces, or glands. In all his years of practice, he continued, he had known but one authenticated case of so-called inherited tuberculosis and even in that case, it was not the disease itself that was handed down, but certain conditions of the body.

Lives On In Spite of Bryan

Princeton, N. J., March 17.—Ex-President Cleveland will be 66 years old tomorrow. He will spend the day at home with his family. He is in excellent health.

Treaty Is Ratified

Long Fight at an End---Vote Stood 75 for and 5 Against When Final Ballot Was Taken.

BUSINESS IS ABOUT OVER

Senators Prepare to Leave Capital---Pleased That Measure is Settled.

Washington, March 17.—Without changing a single punctuation mark the senate voted today to ratify the treaty with the republic of Colombia for the construction of the isthmian canal. The vote for ratification was 73 in the affirmative to five in the negative. The senate was in executive session when the result was announced, so that only the senators themselves and a few confidential employees were present. All the senators announced themselves as gratified to have the long struggle terminated.

The party vote today was taken on to a general debate on the treaty and in addition to the set speeches made under agreement by Senators Morgan and Cullom, there were many short addresses and rather a long speech by Senator Daniel of Virginia.

The party vote today was taken on a substitute for article four, which was agreed upon by the democratic caucus and had reference to the acquisition of territory in Central and

South America by the United States. There were a number of speeches on this amendment, but it was voted down by almost a two-thirds majority, the ballot footing up 51 ayes to 25 nays. When the senate adjourned at 7 p. m. there was a general belief that the business of the session would be completed in time to admit of adjournment tomorrow. Some, however, placed the date 24 hours later.

Those voting against the treaty were Morgan and Pettus of Alabama, Daniel and Martin of Virginia, and Teller of Colorado.

Tragedy on Lonely Farm

Woman Murdered Her Daughter and Mother and Then Cremated Herself in Burning House.

Pennyan, N. Y., March 17.—In a frenzy of mania Mrs. James Strowberger, of Cuyanoga, today killed her daughter aged 26 years, and her mother, aged 89 years, and after setting fire to the house in which the bodies lay, deliberately entered it and perished in the flames.

The three women lived a hermit life, working on the farm like men and often wearing men's clothing. Mrs. Strowberger is believed to have gone suddenly mad.

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